

Sutler's Store  
Fort Laramie, Wyoming

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CUSTODIAN

United States  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

DATE OF ERECTION

The exact date of erection is unknown. It was a civilian building and no mention was made of it in the Army reports. It is possible that the adobe section of it was constructed late in 1849 or in the early months of 1850. The stone section probably was not built until 1865. The lime concrete portion of the existing building in all probability was constructed about 1885.

BUILDER

Sutler--probably with aid of Mexican laborers.

PRESENT CONDITION

Lack of maintenance during many years plus poor construction has caused the building to deteriorate a great deal. All portions of the structure are in a poor state of repair. The interior has been almost entirely torn up, present roof leaks, north and west walls are cracked and leaning, and many windows and doors have been removed.

The plaster, formerly on outside of adobe section, has fallen off the largest portion of this part of the building. The adobe bricks are deteriorating rapidly.

Due to poor footing, it has been necessary to shore the north wall of the building.

NUMBER OF STORIES

One story with attic rooms in the roof gables.

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION

There are three types of material used in the exterior walls: adobe, sand stone and lime concrete. The foundation of the adobe section is of sand stone. The foundation of the stone section is of stone and

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the foundation of the lime concrete section is of lime concrete. All exterior walls were plastered.

The roof is of 2" x 6" rafters and wood sheathing with 4/2-16" wood shingles on southeast section and corrugated galvanized roofing on northwest section.

The basements, as shown on basement and foundation plan, are only excavations with dirt floor and side walls. The side walls have partially caved in.

The first floor joists are 2" x 10". The flooring on the first floor is 2" x 12" and 1" x 6" as shown on plans. It is of soft wood and badly worn in places.

The floor joist of attic rooms is 2" x 8" with 1" x 6" flooring.

The interior partitions are of 2" x 4" studs except as otherwise shown, with wood lath and plaster.

The exterior walls are plastered directly on the wall inside.

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Addendum to  
Fort Laramie, Sutler's Store  
(Fort Laramie National Historic Site)  
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PHOTOGRAPH

View of the Sutler's Store building from the north.